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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 676
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Coach Jim Cartwright for exemplary service to the people of Columbia and Maury County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such remarkable person is Coach Jim Cartwright, who has selflessly served the people of Columbia and Maury County in numerous capacities in the fields of education and athletics; and

WHEREAS, a native of Old Hickory, Tennessee, Jim Cartwright attended DuPont High School, where he excelled in academics and athletics; he earned several honors including being named Captain of the 1951 football team and the school's Best All-Around Athlete, and was voted by the faculty as the Best All-Around Senior; and

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WHEREAS, Jim Cartwright continued his education by attending Austin Peay State College for two years continuing his athletic success by lettering in football one year and basketball one year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cartwright served two years in the United States Army, where he attained the rank of SP4 in the 8th Infantry 41st Tank Battalion and Army Administration; during his tenure in the Army, Mr. Cartwright was a member of the Special Services football team and trainer of the track team; and

WHEREAS, after serving his country with great pride and honor, Mr. Cartwright furthered his education by attending Western State College of Colorado, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree with Majors in Health and Physical Education, History and Political Science, and Biology in 1958; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cartwright displayed excellence in academics and athletics, earning Dean's List honors throughout the duration of his tenure at Western State College; in addition, Jim Cartwright won the Mountaineer Award as Most Outstanding Senior and lettered in football two years; and

WHEREAS, Jim Cartwright's desire to learn enabled him to earn a Master of Arts degree in Educational Administration and Supervision in 1959; he also earned an Educational Specialist degree and a Doctor of Arts degree in Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Safety, both from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cartwright's drive to positively touch the lives of young people steered him to a career as an educator and multi-talented athletic coach; and

WHEREAS, his impressive career commenced at Middle Tennessee State University, where he served as Head Coach of the freshman football team, varsity linebacker coach and Physical Education teacher; and

WHEREAS, Maury County is fortunate that he chose to teach, coach, and serve as Athletic Director at Columbia Central High School for 24 years, beginning in 1959; and

WHEREAS, during his time at Columbia Central, Mr. Cartwright provided new opportunities for student athletes by creating athletic programs in boys and girls track, boys and girls tennis, boys and girls golf, wrestling, softball, and volleyball; and

WHEREAS, Jim Cartwright served as Head Football Coach each year of his committed service to Columbia Central High School; he compiled an outstanding record of 134 wins, 110 losses, and 5 ties; and

WHEREAS, Coach Cartwright earned the respect of his coaching peers and received numerous accolades, including being named North Central Conference Coach of the Year in 1991 and 1993 and *The Tennessean's* "Football Coach of the Year" in 1965, 1966, 1972, and 1977; and

WHEREAS, his vast knowledge of football has resulted in speaking engagements at many football clinics at the University of Tennessee, Vanderbilt University, University of Tennessee-Martin, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, his versatility as an athletic coach is proven in his service to the boys basketball team at Columbia Central from 1959-1963; his astute coaching ability enabled his teams to garner 53 wins and suffer only 37 losses; Mr. Cartwright earned Coach of the Year Honors for District 22 in 1961; and

WHEREAS, his talents are further evidenced by his leadership of the Columbia Central track team from 1961 to 1969; and

WHEREAS, Coach Cartwright also guided the Columbia Central baseball team in the years of 1967 to 1968 and 1973 to 1978; during that time he was named District Baseball Coach of the Year in 1968, 1974, 1975, and 1978; and

WHEREAS, after 24 years of exemplary service, Coach Cartwright retired from his positions at Columbia Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cartwright, after retirement, remained active in the athletic community, striving to positively impact the lives of young people; and

WHEREAS, soon after his much deserved retirement, Coach Cartwright founded the Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association, an organization that educates coaches statewide, promotes student athletes and coaches through various all-star games, creates a forum in which to discuss the issues facing high school athletics, and procures various benefits, including insurance, for members; and

WHEREAS, Jim Cartwright is the co-founder of the National Organization of State Coaches Association Directors; was a member of the National Federation of Coaches Association Board of Directors from 1985 to 1990; and was a member of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Board of Directors from 1983 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, Coach Cartwright has provided tremendous opportunities for student athletes to display their abilities; Jim Cartwright has developed several All-Star series, including the Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star Football Series, the Tennessee-Georgia Basketball Series, the Tennessee East-West Series, and the Southern Football Classic featuring all-star football teams from Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky and Florida; and

WHEREAS, throughout his remarkable career, Jim Cartwright has enjoyed the utmost success; he has coached 106 football players that have played college football and nine of his former players have played in the National Football League; he also guided three players to enjoy success at the collegiate level in basketball and two of his players have played professional baseball; and

WHEREAS, Jim Cartwright amassed an astonishing coaching record, in all sports, of 354 wins, 174 losses and 5 ties; and

WHEREAS, his admirable character and inspired leadership, coupled with his athletic success, was recognized by Columbia Central High School in the dedication of the playing field at Lindsey Nelson Stadium in his name; and

WHEREAS, despite a highly successful and demanding career, Coach Cartwright has remained committed to the time honored values of family and community; subscribing to the

highest order of those values by placing the success of his marriage and family far above that of his professional career; and

WHEREAS, Jim Cartwright is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of 46 years, Nancy; and

WHEREAS, he is the loving father of two children, Dickie Cartwright and Karen Sue Cartwright Ring; and the adoring grandfather of three; and

WHEREAS, Jim Cartwright has served the people of Columbia and Maury County with distinction, not only as a coach, but also as a community leader, mentor, neighbor, and friend; and

WHEREAS, Jim Cartwright epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Jim Cartwright for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Coach Jim Cartwright for his meritorious service to the good people of Columbia and Maury County as a teacher and coach at Columbia Central High School and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.